Centralization of the issue of passports.

* 107 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government of India have decided to centralize the issue of passports; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to provide alternative employment to the temporary clerks now employed for that work who have put in three years of service?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative. India-Pakistan passports are not included in this proposal.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Number of cars and the cost at which they were purchased for the use of Ministers of the previous Ministry.

* 108 Q.—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cars and the cost at which they were purchased for the use of the Ministers of the previous Ministry headed by Sri C. Rajagopalachari; and

(b) how many of those cars are in use by the Ministers of the New Cabinet?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Nine cars at a cost of Rs. 1,50,534.

" (b) Six cars."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" May I know whether any car has been sold? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Procedure to be followed by members of the Legislature to visit the State Institutions.

* 109 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the procedure to be followed by members of the Legislature to visit the State Institutions and the facilities to be afforded to them to study their working, and whether the impressions of their visits are to be communicated to the Hon. Minister concerned?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No rules prescribing the procedure to be followed by the members of the Legislature desiring to visit State Institutions and to study their working have been issued by Government. If, however, a member of the Legislature intimates his intention to visit any State institution and study the working of it his request will be considered by the head of the institution concerned."

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the State will arrange to provide for free travel facilities for Members of the Legislature as has recently been done by the Central Government in the case of Members of the Parliament? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am prepared to consider the suggestion."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Thank you, Sir."

Applications from backward community students for concessions under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.

* 110 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pupils from backward community who applied for concessions under rule 92 of Madras Educational Rules during 1953–54 in St. Joseph's Branch High School, Tiruppapuliyur, South Arcot district; and

(b) the number of those who were granted concessions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 137, Sir.
" (b) 59."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the applications for scholarship are being rejected by the H.M. of the High School if in the applications for scholarship the name of the community of the applicant is wrongly noted as for example ' dhobi ' for ' vannar ' community? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member will please repeat his question. I would also like to know what is meant by ' H.M. '."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the applications for scholarship are being rejected by the Headmaster of the High School if, in the applications for scholarship the name of the community of the applicant is wrongly noted, as for example ' dhobi ' for ' vannar ' community? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the suggestion of the hon. Member is accepted, the difficulty will then be that everybody will adopt his own way of styling his community. Names of certain communities are mentioned in the approved lists of backward communities. Members of these communities should describe themselves as they are required to be described under the rules."

Non-appointment of Secondary grade failed teachers in schools.

* 111 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether Government have issued any orders that Secondary grade failed teachers should not be appointed as teachers?